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1. ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

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A. ON 16 MARCH 2003 ((KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD)) (KSM) WAS
INTERROGATED BY HVT INTERROGATORS

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CONDUCTED DETAILED DEBRIEFING OF KSM DURING THE SESSIONS.

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B. KSM PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION ON HASSAN ((GHUL)) AND OTHER AL-QA'IDA PERSONALITIES. AS PREVIOUSLY, KSM WAS RESPONSIVE IN DISCUSSING THE NON-THREATENING QUESTIONS. HE CONTINUED TO PROTECT ANY DISCUSSION OF US TARGETS OR IMMINENT ATTACKS AGAINST US INTERESTS. HE ATTEMPTED TO MISDIRECT WHEN ASKED TO LIST TARGETS IN THE US WHICH COULD BE ATTACKED, AND WAS GIVEN PAPER AND A PRISON PEN AND TOLD TO LIST ALL THE TARGETS IN THE US WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY USAMA ((BIN LADIN)).

C. AT THE SECOND MEETING KSM PRESENTED HIS LIST, WHICH INTERROGATORS AND DEBRIEFERS DISCUSSED WITH HIM. (INFORMATION REPORTED IN INTEL TRAFFIC) KSM CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT HE HAD NO PLANNED TARGETS IN THE US WHICH WERE PENDING ATTACK, THAT HE HAD BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT MOVING THE AL-QA'IDA FAMILIES SINCE 9/11, AND THAT AFTER 9/11 THE US HAD BECOME TOO HARD A TARGET. WHEN PRESSED, KSM REVERTED TO HIS STANDARD STORY THAT JOSE ((PADILLA)) AND RICHARD ((REID)) HAD BEEN THE LAST OPERATIVES AL-QA'IDA HAD ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE INTO THE US, AND THAT KSM HAD NO OPERATIVES IN THE US AT THIS TIME.

D. INTERROGATORS TOLD KSM THAT HE WAS ONLY PROLONGING HIS PROBLEMS, AND THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON IMMINENT THREATS TO THE US UNTIL HE ANSWERED THE QUESTION SATISFACTORILY. KSM WAS TAKEN TO THE WATER BOARD, WHERE HE BEGGED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK. WHEN ALLOWED TO TALK, HE REPEATED HIS SAME STORY THAT HE HAD TOLD EVERYTHING. AT ONE POINT DURING THE INTERROGATION, INTERROGATORS TOLD KSM THAT HE WAS EITHER STUPID AND INCOMPETENT AS THE CHIEF OF EXTERNAL OPERATIONS OF AL-QA'IDA, OR THAT HE WAS LYING WHEN HE SAID HE HAD NO PENDING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE US. ON THE WATER BOARD, WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS CURRENT PLANS AGAINST THE US, KSM SAID, "I DON'T HAVE ANY. I'M STUPID."

3. ENHANCED MEASURES: PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF REF B, APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL WERE PRESENT. ENHANCED INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES FOR KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD WERE AUTHORIZED BY REF B, AUTHORIZED TO BE EMPLOYED BY CERTIFIED INTERROGATORS [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING ENHANCED MEASURES WERE EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]: FACIAL GRASP, WALLING, ATTENTION GRASP, INSULT SLAP.

4. WATER BOARD: IN ONE SESSION ON 16 MARCH 2003, KHALID SHAYKH MUHAMMAD WAS SUBJECTED TO THE WATER BOARD BY INTERROGATORS [REDACTED]

5. ASSESSMENT: KSM CONTINUES TO PROTECT ANY INFORMATION ON AL-QA'IDA PLANS, CAPABILITIES, PERSONNEL, AND OPERATIONS AGAINST CONUS. OF NOTE IS THAT KSM ALWAYS OFFERS THE SAME MANTRA WHEN ASKED ABOUT ATTACKS PLANNED AGAINST THE US - HIS EFFORTS FOR FOLLOW-ON

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OPERATIONS AFTER 9/11 STARTED AND STOPPED WITH JOSE PADILLA AND RICHARD REID. KSM REFUSES TO DISCUSS WHETHER AL-QA'IDA PREPARED FOR POST-9/11 BY PRE-POSITIONING PERSONNEL IN THE US. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CONDITIONING OF THE INTERROGATION PROCESS IS PROCEEDING, HOWEVER, AND HIS DEFENSES MAY BE WEAKENING. THE DREAD OF THE WATER BOARD HAS INCREASED SO THAT HE WHIMPERS AND PLEADS WHENEVER IT IS THREATENED. HE APPEARS ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE DEBRIEFING SESSIONS AND THE HARD INTERROGATION SESSIONS, AND CONTINUES TO BE RESPONSIVE WHEN DEBRIEFED ABOUT NON-US INFORMATION.

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6. PLANS: HVTI TEAM PLANS TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON KSM BY RESTARTING THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION (SLEEP DEPRIVATION INITIATED ON 16 MARCH 2003 AT 1800) AND MAINTAINING THE HARD INTERROGATIONS, FOLLOWED BY A POSSIBLE 17 MAR WATER BOARD SESSION. AFTER RECOVERING FROM THE WATER BOARD SESSION, KSM WILL BE PLACED IN THE STANDING SLEEP DEPRIVATION POSITION. TO INSURE KSM REMAINS RESPONSIVE TO THE ALEC DEBRIEFERS, THE DEBRIEFING SESSIONS WILL BE FENCED AND WILL NOT BE FOCUSED TO RESULT IN A NON-RESPONSE, FOLLOWED BY THE WATER BOARD ON THE NON-RESPONSE. HARD INTERROGATION SESSIONS WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE US THREAT AND WILL BE REINFORCED BY ENHANCED MEASURES AND THE WATER BOARD, IF KSM REMAINS UNRESPONSIVE.

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[REDACTED] ON NINTH SESSION WITH KSM.

8. SM PSYCHOLOGIST COMMENTS: SUBJECT CONTINUES TO APPEAR ALERT, STEADY, FAIRLY STRONG, AND COMPOSED DURING DEBRIEFING AND INTERROGATION SESSIONS. IN ADDITION, HE CONTINUES TO USE SEVERAL RESISTANCE STRATEGIES WHEN CONFRONTED WITH QUESTIONS ADDRESSING DIRECT THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES. SPECIFICALLY, HE SEEMS TO RELY ON DENIAL OF ACCESS AND KNOWLEDGE, LACK OF APPROPRIATELY DOCUMENTED AND TRAINED OPERATORS, AND ARGUMENTS THAT POST-9/11 AMERICA IS TOO DIFFICULT A TARGET. THE FEW TIMES SUBJECT HAS MADE LONG PAUSES AND APPEARED SPEECHLESS HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH BLUNT QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PREPARATION FOR AND TARGETS OF CURRENT OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. SUBJECT UNDERWENT A WATER BOARD SESSION IN THE LATE AFTERNOON FOLLOWING HIS REFUSAL TO OFFER NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES OR TO PRESENT A REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR WHY HE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT SUCH OPERATIONS. SUBJECT WHINED AND WIMPERED AS HE WAS LED TO THE WATER BOARD. IN ADDITION, HE CONTINUED TO TALK WITH INTERROGATORS AND PLEAD HIS IGNORANCE WHILE ON THE WATER BOARD. THE INTERROGATORS CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE PROCESS WOULD END IMMEDIATELY IF SUBJECT WAS FORTHCOMING ABOUT HIS, USAMA'S, OR OTHERS' CURRENT OPERATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH HIS EFFECTIVENESS IS MARKEDLY DIMINISHED, SUBJECT STILL MAKES ATTEMPTS TO USE COUNTER MEASURES TO AMELIORATE THE WATER BOARD PROCESS. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO SHOW INCREASED EMOTION AND DISCOMFORT WHILE ON THE WATER BOARD. PER TODAY'S OBSERVATIONS, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY PROFOUND OR PERMANENT EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM.

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